

Daily life

Noah's contemporaries:
eating and drinking, and
marrying

Men working in the field
Women grinding at the mill

Homeowner asleep at night

Crisis

Flood



One taken,
the other left

Burglar



Isaiah 2:2, 4

In the last days the mountain of the LORD's temple will be established

as the highest of the mountains;
it will be exalted above the hills,
and all nations will stream to it....

He will judge between the nations
and will settle disputes for many peoples.

They will beat their **swords** into **plowshares**
and their **spears** into **pruning hooks**.

Nation will not take up sword against nation,
nor will they train for war anymore.

“Guns into
plowshares”,
Esther
Augsberger



What do with apocalyptic passages?

- Dismiss New Testament?
- Christianity accommodated to this world?
- Try to predict the “end times?”
- Live in creative anticipation of God’s reign

Questions for Reflection

1. How do you understand “end-times” passages in the Bible?
2. What might it mean to live as if we expect the world as we know it to be transformed into God’s upside-down kingdom, even if we don’t see this come to pass?
3. What does it mean to practice “alertness” or “watching” as a spiritual discipline?